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1. The 6th VP Bereitschaft of Land Thuringia was stationed in the former Flak Kaserne on Ohrdrufferstrasse, Gotha (L 51/J 06). * The Bereitschaft, an infantry unit, had 1,200 police and was organized into four Kommandos and one communication section. Each Kommando had three platoons, each platoon had three squads.

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3. The armament of the Bereitschaft included [redacted] light machine guns, [redacted] submachine guns, 98K carbines and [redacted] pistols. The communication section had one portable switchboard with 20 connections, one tape printer, two 10-watt stationary radio transmitters delivered by a private firm in Erfurt in mid-June 1950, and [redacted] field tele-phones. The Bereitschaft had two Ford trucks and four jeep-type Volkswagen .

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4. Infantry field training was conducted in the Kranenberg training area. Increased propaganda activities against the Western Powers, especially against the United States, marked the political indoctrination after May 1949.
5. Polizeimeister Mueller, (fnu), former CO of the communication section, was detached to a course of aircraft warning service organized in a VP barracks, not the Petersberg Kaserne, in Erfurt (M 51/H 36) in February 1950.
6. The Flak Kaserne on the road to Ohrdruf (M 51/J 15), Gotha, housed about 1,500 police on 8 July 1950. The VP men were armed with automatic rifles and their training was supervised by Soviet officers.
7. The Alte Kaserne on Myconiusplatz, Gotha, was recently occupied by five infantry units and five motorized units with 16 personnel carriers on 8 July 1950. ** The VP men wore the drab Russian blouse under their uniform. They were led by Soviet officers and armed with light machine guns, carbines and pistols. The area was strictly off limits.
8. A training camp of the Volkspolizei was in a former factory in Muehlhausen according to information of 8 July 1950. The present course had about 2,000 police who received infantry training. The trainees were police candidates without insignia of rank.
9. A signal center for the signal communication, telephone and teletype traffic between the VP Bereitschaften and police office in Thuringia and its personnel were quartered in the barracks on the highway toward Muehlhausen (M 52/H 89). The commanding officer was Oberkommissar Lange, (fnu), a former officer of the German AF signal communication troops, 30 years old, 180 cm tall, fair. The center was equipped with three tape printers and one teletypewriters. One tape printer was allotted to each Bereitschaft. The signal communication section in Gotha was subordinate to the signal center in Langensalza.

25X1 * Comment. The 6th VP Bereitschaft (Infantry) was repeatedly reported
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